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ABSTRACT

PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A GRANULAR MICROBIAL BIOMASS AND ISOLATION OF A COMPOUND THEREFROM

A process for the isolation of desired compound(s) from a microbial biomass is disclosed, wherein the microbial biomass (which, if necessary, is pretreated to give a dry matter content of from 25 to 80%) is granulated (e.g. by extrusion) and then dried to a dry matter content of at least 80%. The granulation of the biomass to granules significantly eases subsequent drying of the biomass (which can be stored as dried granules) and gives higher yields on extraction of the compound(s).